Introduction of differential security

279. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently turned down a proposal of Telecom Department to introduce differential security related treatment of Telecom Service Provider based on levels of Foreign Direct Ownership in individual companies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Cheap and quality service to the subscribers

280. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the Cellular and WLL service providers in the country;

(b) whether the WLL telephone service is not working properly in several parts of the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure cheap and quality service to the subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Cellular and WLL services are provided by Access Service Providers in the country. The list of Access Service Providers is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).